SENATE BILL 3422

By Burchett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, relative to employment of health educators.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 68-1-124.

On and after the effective date of this act, the department of health may only employ persons as new hires as health educators that are certified health education specialists according to the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 2, Part 6, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 68-2-611.

On and after the effective date of this act, a county department may only employ persons as new hires as health educators that are certified health education specialists according to the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 2, Part 7, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 68-2-706.

On and after the effective date of this act, a district health department under this part may only employ persons as new hires as health educators that are certified health education specialists according to the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.

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